

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication unit, comprising:

an interface portion signally connected to a main device;

a recording portion performing non-volatile recording;

a wireless communication portion performing wireless communication;

a control portion transmitting information through said wireless

communication portion to an external destination and generating a backup of said information in said recording portion, said information being inputted from said main device to said control portion through said interface portion; and

a mode input portion receiving input of a manipulation by a user of setting an operation mode, wherein said control portion includes, as operation modes set in said mode input portion:

a communication and backup mode for transmitting and backing up said information; and

a recording mode for recording said information without transmitting said information,

wherein the wireless communication unit is a stand-alone unit.

5. (Previously Presented) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 4, wherein said control portion further includes, as the operation mode set in said mode input portion, a communication mode for transmitting said information without performing the non-volatile recording of said information.

6. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication unit, comprising:

an interface portion signally connected to a main device;
a recording portion performing non-volatile recording;
a wireless communication portion performing wireless communication; and
a control portion transmitting information through said wireless communication portion to an external destination and generating a backup of said information in said recording portion, said information being inputted from said main device to said control portion through said interface portion, wherein said control portion automatically deletes said backup from said recording portion after transmission of said information in said wireless communication portion is normally terminated, when said control portion generates the backup of said information in said recording portion,

wherein the wireless communication unit is a stand-alone unit.

7. (Canceled)
8. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication unit, comprising:
an interface portion signally connected to a connector of a main device, said connector being dedicated to a recording-medium;
a wireless communication portion performing wireless communication; and
a control portion having a function of acquiring information to be recorded from said main device while imitating a recording operation done on said main device through said interface portion and a function of transmitting said acquired information through said wireless communication portion to an external destination, wherein said control portion selects said information with predetermined attribute information and transmits said selected information through said wireless communication portion to the external destination.
9. (Original) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 8, wherein
said attribute information is attribute information implying write protect.
10. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication unit, comprising:

an interface portion signally connected to a connector of a main device, said connector being dedicated to a recording-medium;

a wireless communication portion performing wireless communication; and

a control portion having a function of acquiring information to be recorded from said main device while imitating a recording operation done on said main device through said interface portion and a function of transmitting said acquired information through said wireless communication portion to an external destination, wherein said control portion prohibits power supply from said main device to said wireless communication unit from being stopped by imitating the recording operation done on said main device through said interface, while performing wireless communication with said wireless communication portion.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A wireless communication unit, comprising:

an interface portion signally connected to a connector of a main device, said connector being dedicated to a recording-medium;

a wireless communication portion performing wireless communication; and

a control portion having a function of acquiring information to be recorded from said main device while imitating a recording operation done on said main device through said interface portion and a function of transmitting said acquired information through said wireless communication portion to an external destination, wherein said wireless communication unit is constituted by being divided at least into a connection unit and a body unit,

said connection unit including at least said interface portion and having a size and an outer shape allowing said connection unit to be substituted with the recording-medium

connected to the connector of said main device, said connector being dedicated to the recording-medium, and

said body unit being signally connected to said connection unit and including at least said wireless communication portion.

13. (Original) The wireless communication unit according to Claim 12, wherein:

said body unit includes an extension connector connectable to the recording-medium; and

said control portion records said information in the recording-medium connected to said body unit through said extension connector.